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Application No. 09/862,979

a shroud, defining an upstream aperture and a downstream aperture, said shroud enclosing the exhaust nozzle and duct means,

said exhaust nozzle being translatable from a first position, wherein the exit plane of the nozzle lies upstream of the downstream aperture of the shroud, to a second position, wherein the exit plane of the exhaust nozzle lies substantially downstream of the downstream aperture of the shroud.--

--18. The shrouded nozzle arrangement of claim 17, wherein said exhaust nozzle is translatable as a unit from said first position to said second position.--

--19. The shrouded nozzle arrangement of claim 18, wherein the exit plane of the nozzle lies fully upstream of the downstream aperture of the shroud.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending herein. By this Amendment, new claims 17-19 are added.

No new matter is added.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

In the previous Office Action, claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants traversed the rejection and amended claim 1 in the Amendment filed on February 26, 2003. Applicants believe that the amendments and remarks were sufficient to overcome the rejection.

However, to further define the claimed invention and to clarify the language of the claims, new claims 17-19 are added herein. New claims 17-19 likewise are believed to address the comments raised in the previous Office Action, and satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112.

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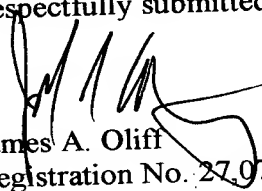
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In the previous Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11 and 13-15 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 over various references. For all the reasons set forth in the February 26, 2003, Amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are patentable over the cited references.

New claims 17-19 are also patentable over the references cited in the previous Office Action, for all of the reasons previously asserted by Applicants. Accordingly, new claims 17-19 are likewise in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

Claims 17-19 are added.

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